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**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 21 remain pending in the application.

Claims 8, 14 and 17 are amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. The Applicant respectfully submits that the 8<sup>th</sup> line of paragraph 27 describes criteria to select hands even though the word "criteria" is not present in the text. Thus, the Applicant amends the claims to change the words "fourth set of game rules", "fifth set of game rules" and "sixth set of game rules" for the word "criteria". The language has also been changed in claims 14 and 17 to match that of claim 8.

Accordingly, paragraph 27 is amended to introduce the term "criteria" as to identify a concept that was present, namely how hands were chosen, but not named.

Paragraph 14 was amended to correct a clerical error. This amendment also overcomes the Examiner's claim 2 rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Paragraphs 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 and 29 have been amended to clarify the concepts of "first set of game rules", "second set of game rules" and "third set of game rules" which were present in those paragraphs but not named. These amendments should overcome the Examiner's rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The Applicant believes that claims 1 to 21 are not anticipated by Perkins 873', since this patent does not describe at least two of the aspects of the present invention. First, 873' does not

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describe a game wherein the player may place a wager comprising an insurance option; and second where, upon occurrence of a losing outcome according to a first set of game rules:

- a) the player is provided with a second set of game indicia which is evaluated according to a second set of game rules which is identical to (same game process and same pay table), similar to (same game process but different pay table) or different from (different game process and pay table) the first set of game rules;
- b) the player's first set of game indicia is evaluated according to a third set of game rules which is similar to (same game process but different pay table) or different from (different game process and pay table) the first set of game rules.

The Applicant submits that a set comprises more than one element; e.g., a set of game indicia comprises more than one indicium.

The Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by the present amendments.

It is submitted, therefore, that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections is respectfully requested. Allowance of claims 1 to 21 at an early date is solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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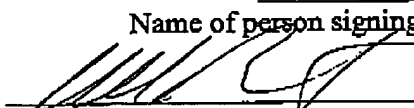
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